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Star Takes A Tour Of St. Joseph School

On Thursday, December 11, The Valley Star went on a tour of St. Joseph School. Mr Colvin editor and his assistant, Miss Henry were met by Sis. Arden and two of the faculty members, Joe Leach and Charles Corello.

Sis. Arden was very helpful in getting the students to come to us with opinions and attitudes of the school and the teachers. Many of the students were in the cafeteria for lunch and took time out to have a talk with us. Some of the students with whom I talked were:

Miss Josie Sherman, a junior of St. Joseph, Miss Sherman considers her school a very educational school with a lot of teacher influence on education.

Miss Lois Sherman, a senior works in the office and is the Sec. of the senior class. Miss Sherman says there is a very good understanding between the teachers and the students at the school. She says the teachers are concerned and show it.

Miss Sandra Cormier, sophomore, Miss Cormier says this is a small school that carries a family atmosphere.

Miss Minnie Buchanan, junior. Miss Buchanan is a student body pres. She says since she has been there she feels that the students have taken her right into their ways of life. She says this is a Christian school with a non-racial atmosphere.

Dorothy Morris, senior. Miss Morris considers St. Joseph a very nice school.

From the friendly atmosphere which received me and the many compliments handed to me from the students about the school I myself consider St. Joseph a very nice school with a family atmosphere.

Mr Corello, the math teacher says the students are really "something". Mr Corello has been at the school for 2 yrs. and says the only reason he is still here in Michigan is because of St. Joseph. Mr Corello is originally from New Jersey.

Sis. Arden spoke of the need and concern of teachers and students in their

everyday work. She says there is confrontation with students, but we come right back the next day with the same spirit and concern that we had before in working together with our everyday problems. Our confrontations do not hurdle us into a backwards spin, but instead it provides us with the courage and faith that we need to go forward. The Valley Star would like to commend Sis. Arden and her staff for their outstanding contribution to education as

well as their role in trying to understand the problems of our youth and trying to deal with them so that our youth will understand the concern and the need for a close relationship between teachers and students. Our community needs this kind of concern and we have it at St. Joseph, so let us strive together so that this unity, understanding, love and education may remain a part of northeast Saginaw.

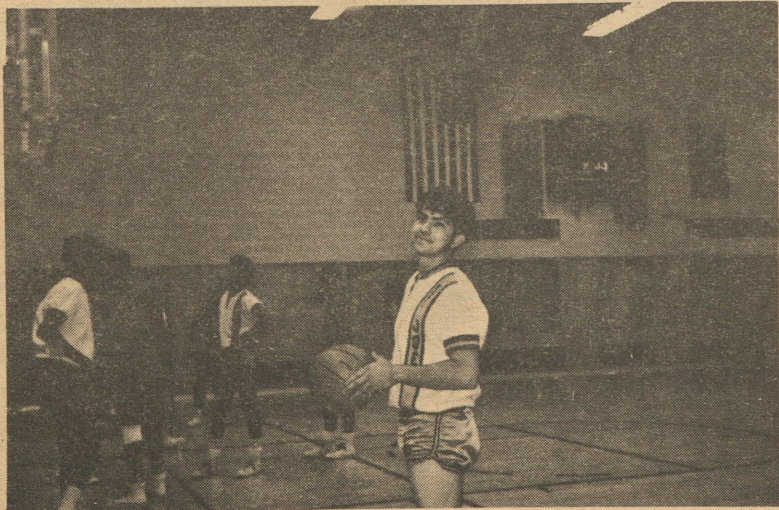
CAMERA VISITS SCHOOL

Here are some candid shots of the young people who attend St. Joseph's School . . . at work and at play. See story this page!



Star Of The Week

Jackquelyn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jewrel Harness. She is a senior at Saginaw High School. She is 17 years old.



From The Editor

BY
JIM COLVIN
EDITOR
THE VALLEY STAR

Parents - Are You Concerned

The subject today is: Parents are you concerned?

I see today that throughout the city and state our youth are putting forth demands to suit their needs, this is great providing that these demands will meet their needs of today. How many sets of demands will our youths today have to put forth between the elementary and their secondary education. What are we doing to help bridge the gap between our youth and their cry for leadership. We hope to see them grow to a leadership of understanding and knowledge, and this can only come about through a sound education and positive involvement. Are we going to sit here today and remain silent while the whole systems of our society is being challenged today. How many sets of demands will our children need between the ages of six and twenty-five? I ask you by the time all of these demands have been bargained for and met, what kind of education do they have? Do they have an education based on the demands to meet his needs, or does he have an education by which he can go out into the world and challenge today's economic and academic obstacles. I ask you today if there must be changes, let us as parents, teachers as well as concerned citizens work with our young people in reaching their goals. The price of education is very high and the price of not having an education is ten times worse. Ninety percent of our demands today can and should be met in our homes, through love, concern and a constant strong relationship with our youth. It was once said by one of our great philosophers, "To admit you have a problem, solve 85% of the problem."

And I say to you today as a parent and to you parents that we must sadly admit that we have broken the chain, that has for so long bound parents and children together, until we admit that it is you and I who must bridge this gap, the old phrase of, "that I don't understand our youth, or what is happening to our world today" and last but not least what is this world coming to, but I say to you this is the same world that was here 5,000 years ago, but it's you that have strayed away.

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Words From A Black Professor

Campuses across the country are full of optimistic official reports and demoralizing private discussions about programs for black students. As a black faculty member, I encounter more than my share of both. The private discussions revolve around underprepared black students who are in over their heads academically and those white faculty members who fudge their grades out of guilt, compassion or a desire to avoid trouble. Few faculty members are as blunt as the Cornell professor who said, "I give them all A's and B's, to hell with 'em." At least he understood the consequences of what he was doing. Others think they are doing a favor to the students, or to black people in general.

While it is uncertain what proportion of black students need, want or get special consideration of this sort, it happens often enough to throw a cloud of doubt over the performances of able black students and to risk the devaluation of their degrees and respect. The effect may be even more dis-

astrous for those black students who are neither fully prepared nor incompetent, but who could make the painful transition to demanding educational standards if they had to, in an environment without easy or "understanding" professors.

The basic myths underlying current policies and practices regarding black college students have been elaborated into a whole system of social theology, interpreted by the anointed and defended against heretics and skeptics. These basic beliefs include the following:

(1) Inadequately prepared black students must be recruited even for the most demanding colleges and universities, because those are essentially the only kind of black students available in substantial numbers.

(2) The major efforts in admissions, financial aid and counseling must be concentrated on the academically deprived because the good black students "will make it anyway."

(3) Standardized tests contain too much white, middle-class material to be used in predicting the academic success of black students, relative either to white students or to each other.

(4) Black college students require very special

handling, including an education centering on black studies and courses taught by black faculty members.

(5) Flunking black students in a course or putting them out of college for academic deficiencies deprives black people of potential leadership.

(6) There can be no honest or substantial reason for criticizing these ideas: whites who criticize them are insensitive or racist and blacks who criticize them must be middle-class snobs and certainly not "really" black. (This leaves a loophole for Orientals, but no theology is perfect.)

The consistency of these ideas with each other and with a certain vision of the social process is striking.

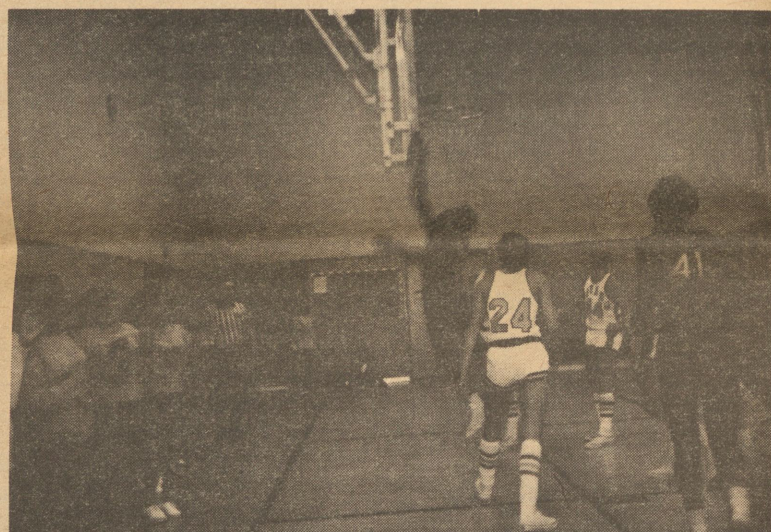
What is even more striking is how little evidence can be produced to support them and how much evidence there is against them.

It is a fact — the basic, overwhelming fact — that the public school education offered in Negro neighborhoods, or in low-income neighborhoods generally, is inferior to that offered in middle-class or upper income neighborhoods. This is true, with the rarest exceptions, in all parts of the country and in communities of all sorts, including communities populated by liberal faculty members. Only a pathetically small percentage of the students from such inferior

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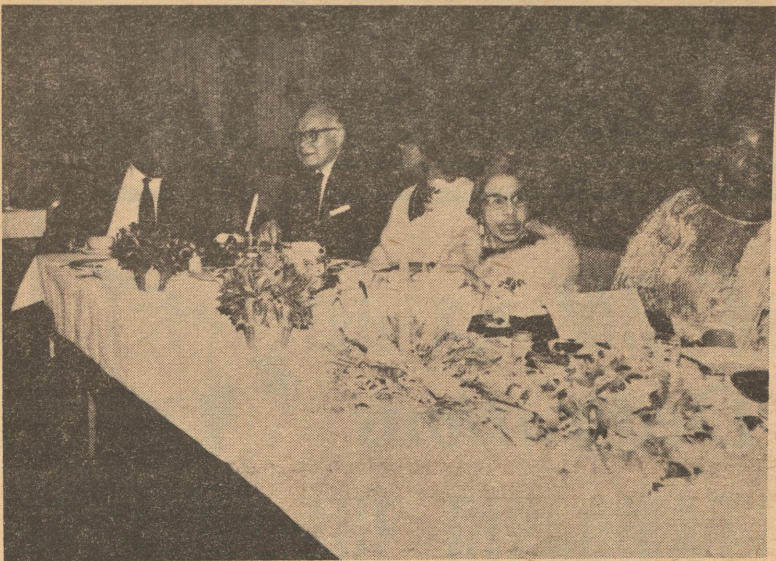
Distinguished Group Attends 11th Annual Event



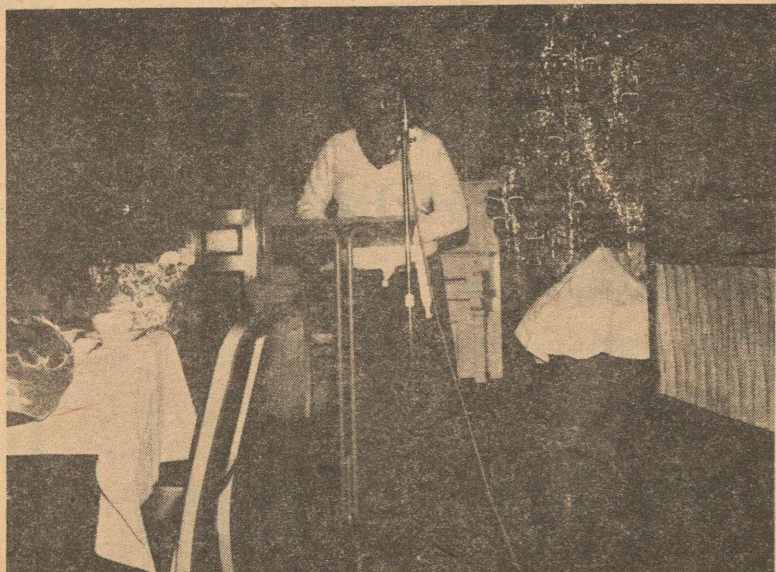
Many guests were on hand for the big dinner meeting and program.



Mrs. Bass spoke to guests at the Women's Progressive Club dinner meeting.



The head table was a gaily decorated spot at the Women's Progressive Club dinner.



Mrs. Robinson, past president speaks to the gathered guests.

Assembled at the Diplomat Club for the Eleventh Annual Christmas Dinner of the Women's Progressive Club, on Sunday, December 13, was a distinguished variety of guests, including many of Saginaw's finest and most concerned women.

Also very much in evidence was the youth component of this fine organization, which throughout the evening displayed its readiness to accept the role of leaders of tomorrow.

Mrs. Christine Goines opened the program with a heartwarming welcome to all the guests present, after which all were treated to a beautifully prepared meal, worthy to be called a Christmas dinner.

Following recognition of special guests by Mrs. Marie Tolliver, president of the local organization, past president Mrs. Mable Robinson introduced the speaker of the evening, Mrs. Louise Bass, state president of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs. A native of Malvern, Arkansas and a graduate of Hampton (Va.) Institute, Mrs. Bass had done graduate work at Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan and has since been very active in education and community affairs. In 1969, she received the "Woman of the Year" Award from the Ypsilanti Federation of Women's Clubs. She is the wife of Ypsilanti physician Dr. Thomas Bass and the mother of two children, Michael, who is a defensive halfback for the Washington Redskins and Ann, a student at EMU.

Mrs. Bass's topic for the evening was "Leadership in Action for Women and Youth!" In her talk, she emphasized the role of women as leaders and of youth as potential leaders. She suggested that some of her qualities of leadership are love, respect, knowledge, bravery and faith. She pointed out that a leader must have found himself

and his own bearings; he must have goals of his own, to be effective. He must also measure his progress and that of the group at every turn.

Of equal importance is the group's choice of a leader. The group must define the role they want their leader to take in the group. Then each member must accept his own role in working with the leader.

Following Mrs. Bass's talk, special awards were presented to two members

of the youth group for outstanding achievement. Also the club presented to its president, Mrs. Marie Tolliver, a "token of love" in appreciation for her contribution to the organization.

The Valley Star salutes this crusading women's group for their involvement in the problems of our community and for the fine work they have done in helping to provide answers to these problems.



Youth attended the Women's Progressive Club dinner event.

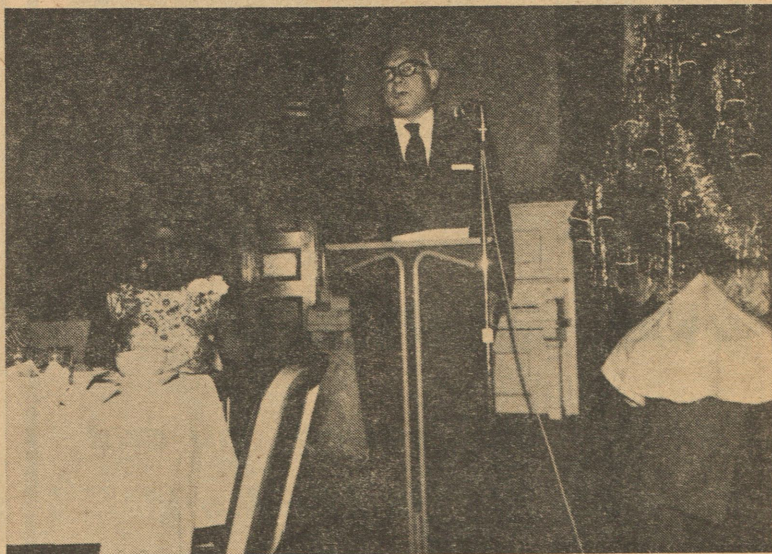


Nice decorations and nice people helped make the Women's Progressive Club dinner a big event.



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Special guests were recognized at the annual dinner meeting.

Text Of Speech Given At Banquet

by Mrs Christine Goines
Honored guest Mrs Louise Bass, state president of the National Association Colored Women's Clubs, officers, members and friends; It is indeed an honor and a pleasure to greet you to this, our eleventh anniversary dinner of the Progressive Women's Club, a member of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs Inc.

The history of the American Women's struggle, work, service and present status in American life and culture wouldn't be complete without the inclusion of the contribution to it by the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs Inc. The organization was founded on a challenge. The story goes back to 1895 when representatives of colored women's clubs in all sections of the country were called to Boston for a conference. The call had

been sent out by Mrs St. Perre, President of the Women's New Era Club, as the result of a letter to England written by a southern editor reflecting upon the moral character of all American Negro women.

At the 19th Street Baptist Church, Washington D.C., the Federation of Afro-American Women and the Colored Women's League of Washington agreed to

unite under the name of the National Association of Colored Women, the word club was added later. The organization has zealously guarded the interest of the race morally and socially under the significant and well chosen motto "Lifting As We Climb." Mrs Mary Church Terrell was elected first president of the merged organization and actively worked and influenced the program of the National Association of Colored Women's Club Inc until her death in July, 1954. Under her presidency, we became a member of the National Council of Women of the United States, an affiliate of the International Council of Women.

An affiliated club named the Thursday Club was organized in Saginaw many years ago and was active until about 1929 but due to lack of leadership and interest dropped to the side until twelve years ago. Mrs Rosa Gragg, past National President of the N.A. of C.W. Club was the speaker at Bethel A.M.E. Church at the Women's Day Program and aroused the interest of a few women and the Progressive Women's Club was organized and has carried on to:

1. Promote the education of women and girls.
2. Raise the standard of the home.
3. Work for the morale, economic, social and religious welfare of women and children
4. Protect the rights of women and children who work.
5. Secure and use our influence for the enforcement of Civil Rights of our group.
6. To obtain for all women the opportunity of reaching the highest standards in all fields of human endeavors.
7. To promote inter-racial understanding, justice, goodwill and peace among all people.

Seventy-one years ago, when the thought was first planted in the breast of Mary Church Terrell, a candle was lit, its beam has strengthened and now sheds its glow to forty states and District of Columbia including Alaska.

The Progressive Club has several copies of Mary Church Terrell's book "A Black Woman in a White World" to sell.

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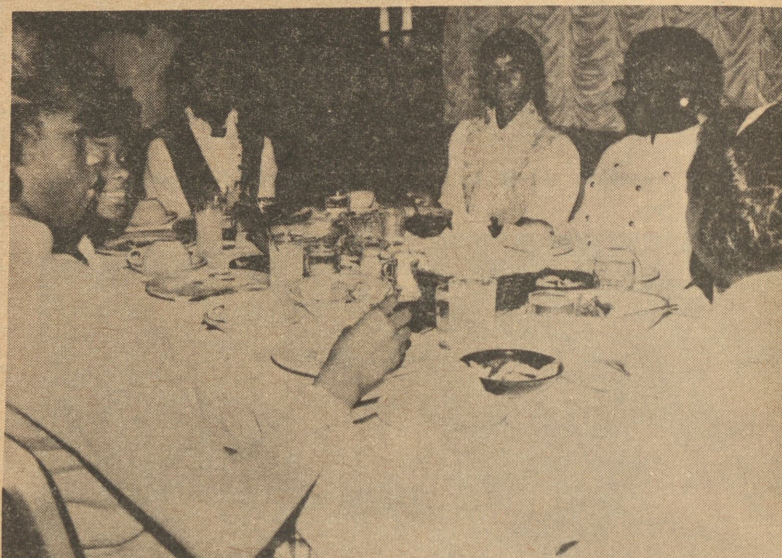
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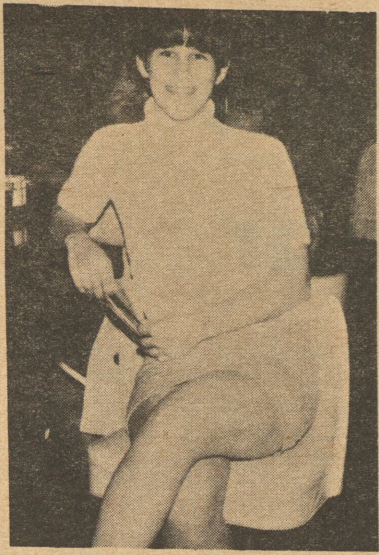
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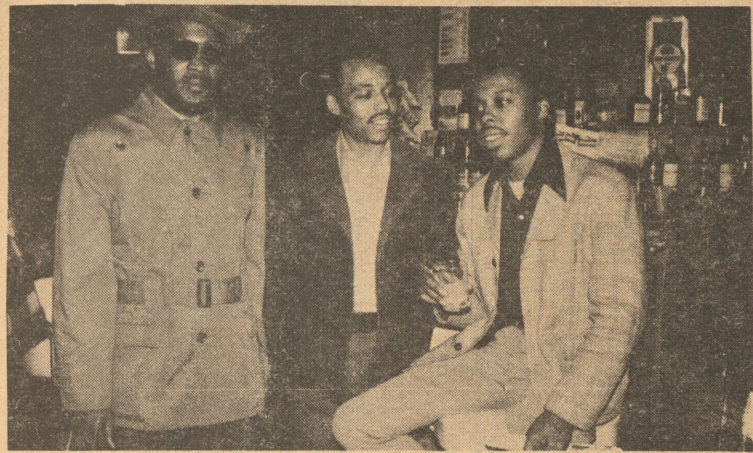
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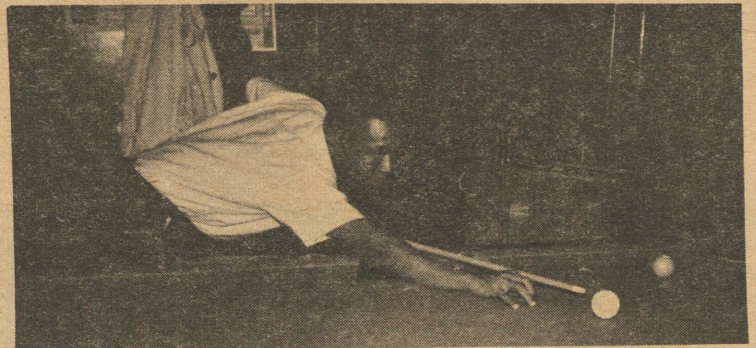
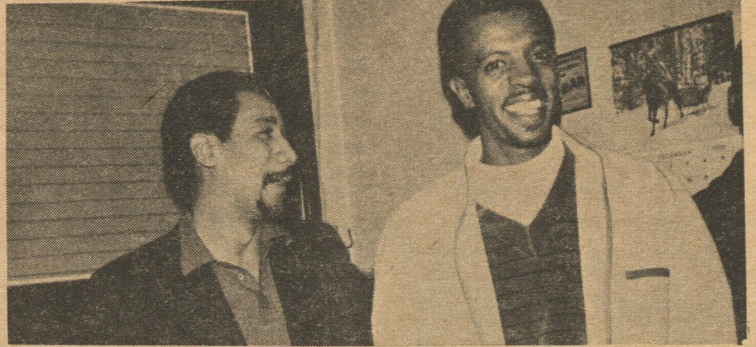
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Lafayette Evans Coach Of Year

Lafayette Evans was voted "City League Coach of the Year," and for good reasons.

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As head coach of Kettering's football squad, Evans compiled a very impressive record in his first year. He took a young Kettering team and fashioned championship material out of it. He composed a team which won seven straight victories and only one loss, which was at the hands of Northwestern, the current reigning city league

champs.

Evans, 29, was born in Brandon, Mississippi, but attended high school at East Scott High, Forest, Miss. There he participated in the school's athletic program to its fullest extent. Although football was and is his favorite sport, Evans was as industrious, if not more so, on the baseball diamond or the basketball court at East Scott High.

He attended Mississippi Industrial college, where he received his bachelor of science degree in physical education in 1963. At MIC, Evans was an outstanding wide receiver. He also excelled on both the basketball team and the baseball team.

A teacher of physical education at Foster Elementary School in Detroit, Evans was hired as the assistant football coach last year, after coming to Detroit in 1967.

Evans did a stint in the U.S. Army and once again he excelled in just about everything he did. Voted All USAEUR in football, Evans was a member of the 7th Army championship basketball team in 1965, and selected to tour with the All-Star track team which was the pride of the 7th Army.

In 1969, Evans tried out for a position with the Detroit Lions as a wide receiver. Although he didn't make the team, he did gain some valuable information and experience.

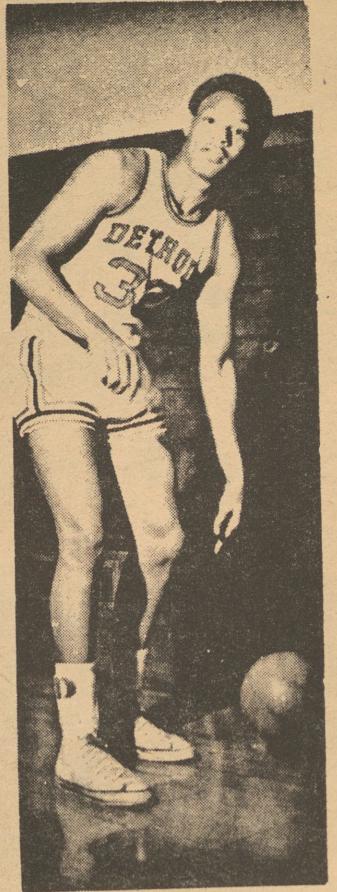
His first love is football, although golf has played an integral part in his present sports life (Evans also coaches the golf team at Kettering).

"Actually," Evans declares, "I love just about any outdoor sport."

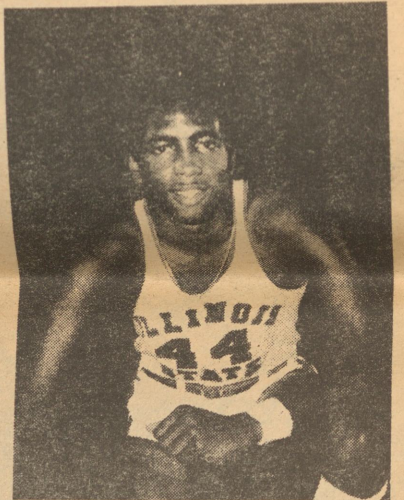
When asked about the past seasons' efforts, all he would say was, "I look forward to next football season with great anticipation. Seven of my first 11 starters will be returning and I think next year we'll go all the way."

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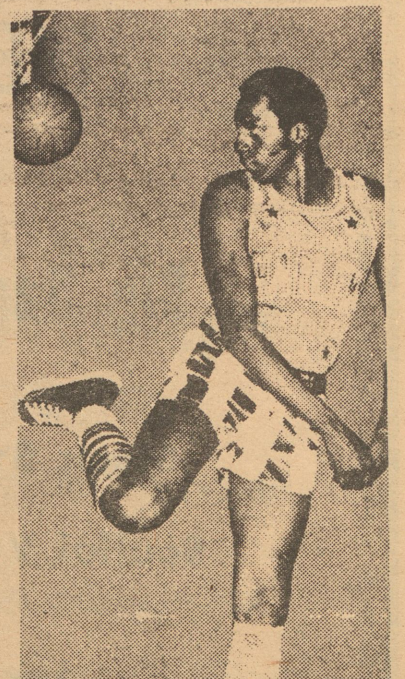
schools score well on standardized tests or otherwise show strong academic capability. However, colleges do not admit percentages; they admit absolute numbers. And in absolute numbers, there are tens of thousands of black students in this country who score above the national average on standardized tests — far too many for the leading colleges and universities to be forced to have as many unqualified black students as they do.



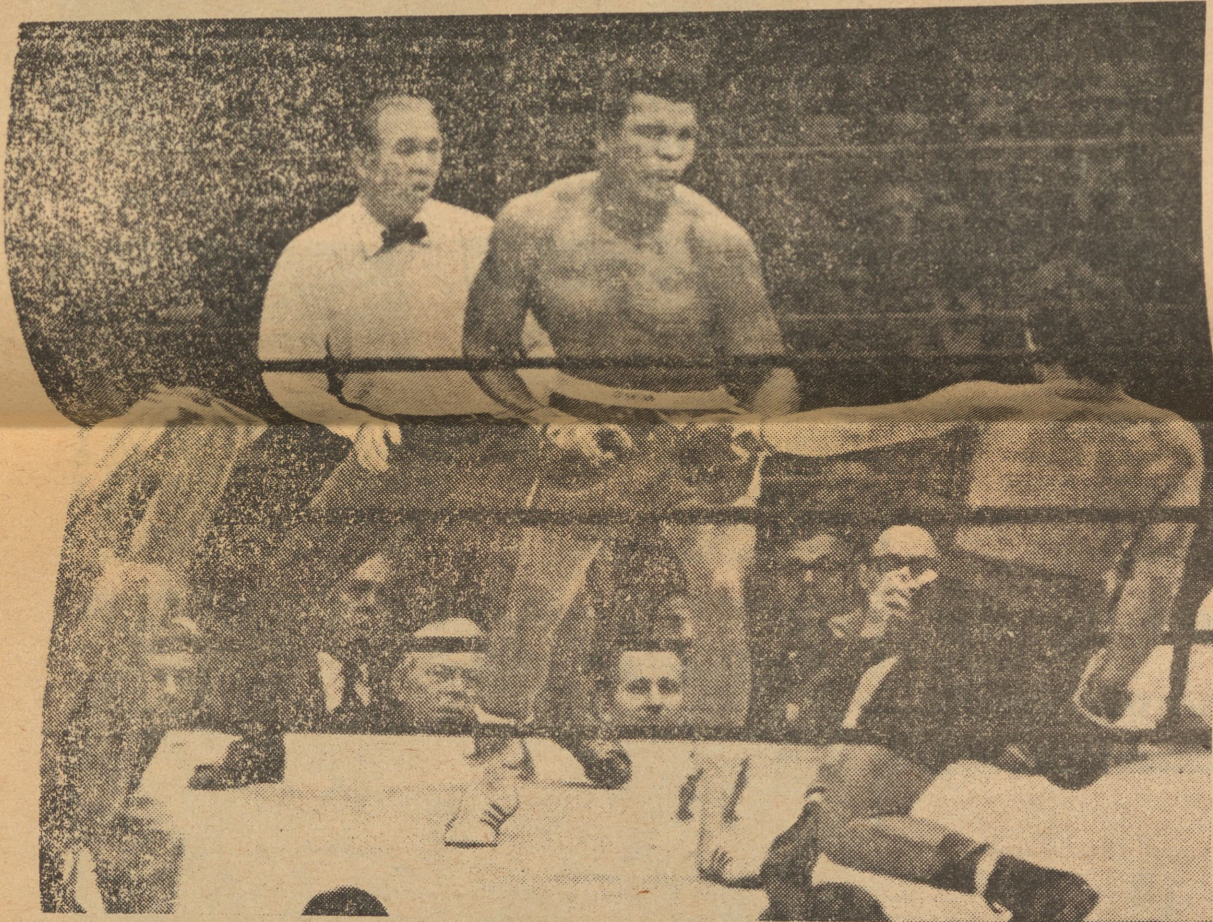
BIG GUN — Dan Agee, U-D's 6-foot, 3-inch guard, is among Titan threats this season. Agee turned in a good performance in the opening game. He is an excellent shooter.



ROBINSON 'REDBIRD' — Duane Fox, star center of Inkster High's 1969 Varsity basketball team, scored 19 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in his new forward guard position with the Illinois State university freshman team during its pre-season game with the ISU varsity.



TRICK ARTIST, Meadowlark Lemon, versatile Harlem Globetrotter clown, exhibits one of his famous shots. They will return to Olympia Stadium, Sunday, Dec. 27.



SIGN OF DEFEAT — A ring attendant for Oscar Bonavena (left) starts to throw a towel into the ring as the Argentine boxer heads for the canvas for the second time in the 15th round of his fight with Cassius Clay at New York's Madison Square Garden last night. Referee Mark Conn ignored the towel, usually a sign of surrender in boxing, and allowed the fight to continue. Clay dropped Bonavena a third time and the fight was stopped at 2:03 of the final round.

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Black Candidate Sees Draft Plot

PORT GIBSON, MISS. — Jimmy Smith, a 24-year-old black candidate for Mayor of this southwest Mississippi town, contends there is a "conspiracy" to have him drafted into the army before the Dec. 7 election. The state Selective Service authorities deny it.

Col. James Davis, state Selective Service director, says that Mr Smith "walked off" from an induction center here early this month

and is now subject to prosecution for refusal to serve in the armed forces.

"The matter is now in the hands of the United States Attorney," Colonel Davis said.

The young Negro candidate, who is campaigning to unseat William Gordon, the white incumbent in this predominantly black town of 2,800 population, contends he was turned down for induction in late August for having chronic muscle

spasms, then was called back for re-examination Nov. 10 and was declared ready for induction.

"I'm saying the whole thing is a conspiracy to get me out of the state because we have an excellent chance of winning the election," declared Mr Smith, a former graduate student at the University of Mississippi.

Mr Smith says that he is merely appealing the November decision that declared him physically fit for induction and is not trying to evade military service.

But Colonel Davis says this is not the way the draft system works.

"The duty of Selective Service is to provide the men who are eligible for induction and then it is strictly up to the armed forces to handle them from there," he said. "Once a man is declared physically qualified for service, he is required to stand induction. If he wants to take legal steps, he can after induction."

Mr Smith said he wondered why, "after I announced for Mayor, I started getting my greetings from the local draft board," he added, "I think some higher-ups were in on this."

Colonel Davis said that Mr Smith was previously deferred while he was in college and in graduate school. "But he is no longer in graduate school and he had no grounds for deferment, the official said.

Mr Smith was given notice in June to report for induction. After his August physical at the induction station, Colonel Davis said, "he was turned back to his local draft board and told to return in 30 days."

The Candidate, Colonel Davis said, "knew he was to come back in 30 days for a re-examination." This

time he said the examining physician at the induction station decided to call in an outside orthopedic specialist to also examine Mr Smith.

"He was found fit after a full and complete re-examination," Colonel Davis said.

Mr Smith, who is running with three black candidates for alderman who are seeking to make a clean sweep of the city administration, is conceded a

strong chance of winning because black voters outnumber whites, 650 to 485.

Mayor Charles Evers of nearby Fayette, the first black elected Mayor of a biracial town in Mississippi since 1875, is giving Mr Smith some political assistance in his campaign.

"If they go ahead and draft me," Mr Smith said, "I guess I'll just have to be the first Mayor to run a town in Mississippi from the United States Army."

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December 20, 1970 — 4:00 p.m., Annual Christmas Cantata by the Senior Choir.

5:00 p.m. — The Busy Bee Club will meet at the home of Mrs Pearlina White, 2424 McGill Street, Mrs Christina Goines, President.

December 24, 1970, 11:00 — 12 Midnight, Christmas Worship Service.

December 31, 1970 — 10:30 p.m. — 12 Midnight, Watch Night Service.



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American Negro Becoming 'Aussie'

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, Dec. 12 - A teacher from Philadelphia is believed to be the first American Negro approved for Australian citizenship by the immigration authorities under the relaxed rules for

admitting non-Caucasians as permanent settlers.

Several thousand white Americans have become naturalized citizens of Australia since World War II.

The Negro, Bernard Byers, has been an instruc-

tor in French at the private Trinity Grammar School in Melbourne for four years. He believes he is the first Negro to teach in an Australian school, he said in a telephone interview this week.

Mr Byers said he had "completed all preliminaries" and had been promised an Australian passport before he leaves the country on a holiday trip early in January. "The Australian Immigration Department has been very helpful" he said.

"I haven't found the racial bit here," said Mr Byers, who came to Australia in 1959 as a choreographer with a Brazilian Government dance company.

He said that he stayed six months on his first visit, liked it and returned for good in 1963 and has been "very pleased" with his treatment by white Australians.

"Once you get a job and a circle of friends you fit in," he said. "There were a couple of small incidents, very minor indeed, when someone thought I was an aboriginal."

Complaints by Aborigines The brown-skinned Australian aborigines, of whom there are about 130,000 including those of mixed blood, have long complained of unequal treatment.

White Australians have argued that any inequities are the result of "social factors" rather than race or color, citing the com-

munal way of life that sets many aborigines apart from the white community.

However, a Sydney court only a few days ago ordered a city hotel to end its policy of refusing to serve liquor to aborigines.

In recent years, Australia has striven to dispel any racist reputation created abroad by old immigration rules, now amended, that had barred non-whites from becoming permanent residents.

The former regulations stemmed originally from

the wholesale influx of Chinese laborers during the gold-rush period in the middle of the last century and the later importation of thousands of indentured plantation workers from Pacific islands under conditions close to slavery.

The bars to citizenship for nonwhites were removed in 1965. Last year, according to immigration statistics, more than 9,000 Indians, Chinese and others of nonwhite ancestry were admitted

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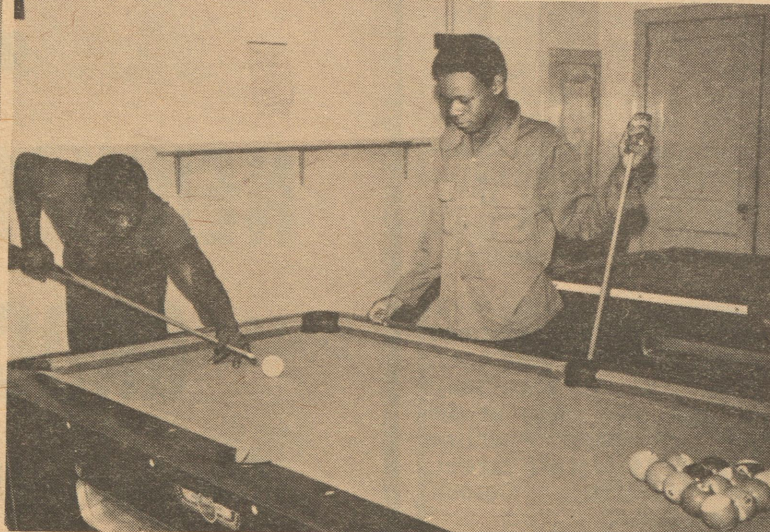
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